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REGULATION

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1. **PURPOSE**

This regulation (1) defines the property rights for patents and inventions and copyrights, and (2) defines agency responsibility.

2. **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULE REFERENCE**

Rule 1-13 Patents and Inventions

1-13.1 Employee Rights

The property rights in a patent on an invention created by a classified employee are subject to contract entered into by the state administrative board as provided by law. The employee's compensation is 15 percent of the net royalties that may result from the invention. The compensation provisions of this rule are not negotiable. However, any dispute concerning the employee's property rights relative to the state's property rights in such an invention is grievable.

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Rule 1-14 Copyrights

1-14.1 Employee Rights

The property rights in a copyright that subsists in a work created by a classified employee as an author-employee belong to the state and are subject to contract entered into by the state administrative board as provided by law. The author-employee's compensation is 15 percent of the net royalties from written licenses or transfers to third parties by the state of Michigan that may result from a work, but only when the state or agency has obtained a certificate of copyright. The compensation provisions of this rule are not negotiable. However, any dispute concerning the author-employee's property rights relative to the state's property rights in such a copyright is grievable.

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NOTE: Also see *Patent Guidelines* and *Copyright Guidelines* contained in Appointing Authority Letters CS-6462 and CS-6469, dated April 17, 1984 and July 3, 1984, respectively.

3. STANDARDS

- A.** The property rights of a classified employee in a patent on an invention that the employee created are subject to contract entered into by the state administrative board as provided by law.
- B.** The property rights of a classified employee in a copyright which subsists in a work created by the employee as an author-employee belong to the state and are subject to contract entered into by the state administrative board as provided by law.
- C.** The prime responsibility for patent and copyright activities is assumed by the agency management.
- D.** The Patent and Copyright Guidelines issued at the time the civil service rules were promulgated are not binding, but afford assistance and direction to agencies that are not experienced in dealing with patents, inventions, and copyrights.
- E.** The Department of Civil Service shall offer guidance, advice, and coordinating service to agencies and serve as a liaison with the State Administrative Board on patents, inventions, and copyrights.

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